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**Appeal No. 2014AP002601 CR
Dodge County Circuit Court Case No. 2013CT000398**

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

RICHARD S. FOLEY,

Defendant-Appellant.

**AN APPEAL FROM THE JUDGEMENT OF
CONVICTION AND THE DECISION OF THE TRIAL
COURT DENYING DEFENDANT-APPELLANT'S
MOTION FOR SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT FOR DODGE COUNTY, THE
HONORABLE STEVEN G. BAUER, PRESIDING**

**THE REPLY BRIEF AND APPENDIX OF THE
DEFENDANT-APPELLANT RICHARD S. FOLEY**

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ARGUMENT

The State implies that Mr. Foley “argues that he was under arrest [solely] because he was told that he could not go into his house until the investigation was complete.” *Brief of the Plaintiff- Respondent* page 7. This contention is disingenuous. At no point does Mr. Foley claim that an arrest occurred when Officer Yahnke told him he could not go into his house. Obviously, an officer commanding a defendant to stay at the scene of an investigative stop does not transform the detention into an arrest. However, the Officer’s conduct here was significantly more intrusive. Mr. Foley’s argument is that this was but one of the several factors that would have contributed to a reasonable person in Mr. Foley’s position concluding that he was in custody.

In addition to stopping Mr. Foley from walking into his house, Officers also patted Mr. Foley down, placed him in the rear of a locked squad car, informed him that he was being detained, detained him for thirty two minutes in the locked squad car and subsequently transported him to the police department. Mr. Foley’s argument is that based on the level of restraint, a reasonable person would have concluded that he was not free to leave and that he was in custody.

At the moment when Mr. Foley was transported from the scene “[a]s a practical matter, [Mr. Foley] was under arrest.” *Florida v. Royer*, 460 U.S. 491, 103 S.Ct. 1319, 75 L.Ed.2d 229 (1983). The encounter between Officers and Mr. Foley was no longer consensual.

Furthermore, “the officer’ conduct was more intrusive than necessary to effectuate an investigative detention...” *Id.* at 504. There were multiple officers on the scene. By Officer Yahnke’s own admission, there were at least three officers present, Officer Yahnke, Johnson and Lieutenant Roy. (R.28:20 / ReplyApp 1). Anyone of the three officers could have immediately transported Mr. Foley to the police department, to quickly and diligently confirm or dispel their suspicions that Mr. Foley was operating his motorcycle while impaired. Thus, contrary to the State’s contention, it was not necessary to detain Mr. Foley for thirty-two minutes while Officer Johnson investigated whether Mr. Thompson was impaired.

CONCLUSION

Because the circumstances of Mr. Foley's detention amounted to an arrest, and because that was not justified by probable cause, the trial court erred when it denied Mr. Foley's motion for suppression of evidence. The court should reverse the trial court's ruling and the judgment of conviction.

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